Recommendations of Tikko Committee

1530. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tikko Committee had recommended formation of a separate organized service for ISM & H doctors in CHS during 1990-91;

(b) if so, whether a consultancy study team has suggested integration of ISM & H Doctors in CHS with equal opportunity for the higher level posts; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government on the suggestion of the consultancy study team, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Tikku Committee referred to the Consultancy Study underlining the need to give status of physicians of ISM & H *vis-a-vis* their allopathic counterparts in their report. The Tikku Committee recommended formation of a separate service for ISM & H physicians for which steps are underway.

Measures to check population

†1531. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the population of the country as on 31st December, 2001 (both total and State-wise);

(b) the steps being taken to control the drastic growth of the population in the country;

(c) whether Government have set up any Population Commission;

(d) if so, the main functions of this Commission;

(e) the expected growth rate likely for 2002; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.